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President McKinley's third annual campaign document is now being scrutinized by senators and congressmen.

The name of the Graphic has been changed to the El Paso Daily News. The News is a first-class evening paper and highly deserving of substantial support by the business men of El Paso.

Judge Aaron H. Hackney, editor of the Silver Belt, at Globe, died on the 2nd inst. at the age of 84. The Judge came to Arizona in 1878 and established the paper with which he was connected at the time of his death.

Editor Sipe desires to inform the public in general and his subscribers in particular, that the Breeze will spring up again next week. The appearance of the Breeze upon our exchange table is, at all times, highly appreciated.

H. K. Chenoweth, collector of customs at Nogales, Arizona, has sent his resignation to the secretary of the treasury. It has been accepted and will take effect tomorrow, the 15th. William M. Hoey, of Muncie, Ill., will succeed him.

There will be a model American postoffice at the Paris exposition. Arrangements have been made with the French authorities whereby the mail for Americans in Paris will be sent directly to this office instead of going through the regular channels. The postoffice will be fitted up with all the modern postal appliances.

Up to date the Boers have decidedly the best of the fight in the war of the Transvaal, and there is no prospect of an early change in the struggle. It is reported that the war department is making preparations to put ten thousand more English troops in the field.

The first measure introduced in the house of representatives was the Republican gold standard measure which will receive the hearty support of the present national administration. That party has at last decided to cast aside its mask and come out openly as an enemy of silver.—Silver City Independent.

The Dubuque Herald says that the difference between the sultan of Sulu and Congressman Roberts, matrimonially, is that the sultan has four times as many wives. He receives a salary of \$12,000 per annum, \$4,000 more than a cabinet officer, and \$7,000 more than a member of congress. Uncle Sam foots the bill for the harem, while Roberts foots his own.

The story is current in Washington that the president will acknowledge the meritorious services of Generals Wheeler, Lee and Wilson, of the volunteers, by appointing them and then retiring them with the rank of brigadier-general in the regular service. These officers are certainly deserving of such promotion. General Wheeler especially has sunk into obscurity since his youthful ardor prompted him to offer his services to crush out the poor Filipinos. His fame would have suffered less if he had been content with the laurels won at the battle of Santiago.

The Boers have won the admiration and sympathy of the world because they are brave and honest fighters who have conducted their

battles with the English strictly on the lines of civilized warfare and showing at all times the greatest care of the wounded and prisoners. It must be evident however to these intelligent people that they cannot cope successfully against the enormous military resources of Great Britain and the advantage she possesses in the matter of high explosives and destructive artillery.

The Daily Enterprise, in speaking of the visitation of the statehood committee to Washington to lay the appeal of the people of Arizona for statehood before congress, says that "the committee will rise higher than that of mere political peddlers, and will be able to show to the honest representatives of the states that it is not hoodle that we want, but honest home rule." If the committee is so fortunate as to encounter a like committee on territorial affairs, they will at least succeed in having the matter of the admission of Arizona reported favorably to congress. The business men of Phoenix are certainly to be commended for the interest they have manifested in the statehood proposition, and we sincerely hope that their efforts will not be in vain; but the voters of Arizona and New Mexico will not be given an opportunity to vote at the next presidential election.

New Use of Copper.

A new use for copper has been found in electrotyping hulls of iron vessels. The United States government in 1895 plated the hull of the sea tug Alliance with copper. A few days since this vessel was put in dry dock and her hull, upon examination, was found wholly free from marine growth, in consequence of which the engineers have recommended that all the other vessels of the navy be treated likewise.